

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering a customized ~~video~~ multimedia presentation to a user, the method comprising the steps of:
searching, based on a user criterion included in a pre-defined user profile, ~~video~~ multimedia assets to thereby identify a subset of the ~~video~~ multimedia assets containing portions corresponding to the user criterion, wherein the multimedia assets comprise at least one video asset and at least one of audio assets, still-image assets, and text assets;
calculating segments of the ~~video~~ multimedia assets, the segments comprising the corresponding portions and portions adjacent to the corresponding portions, wherein the adjacent portions are relevant to the corresponding portions and the user criterion, and wherein the segments comprise at least one video segment and at least one of audio segments, still-image segments, and text segments;
comparing the segments based at least in part on the user criterion;
selecting at least one segment based at least in part on a communication link to the user;
combining the selected at least one segment[[s]] ~~within the video assets~~ into [[a]] the customized ~~video~~ multimedia presentation;
making contents of the customized ~~video~~ multimedia presentation available to the user ~~for viewing~~[[.]]; and
periodically notifying the user that the customized ~~video~~ multimedia presentation is available for access from a remote location.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the step of searching includes forwarding a segment request to a database storing the at least one video asset, and further wherein ~~said~~ the step of calculating includes designating pointers that identify beginning and end portions of the at least one video segment[[s]].

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein ~~said~~ the step of making contents of the customized ~~video~~ multimedia presentation available to the user ~~for viewing~~ further comprises the step of making the pointers available to the user for selection.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the at least one video segment[[s]] are is streamed to the user upon selection of at least one clip pointer by the user.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user criterion includes search terms or phrases input by the user.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the customized ~~video~~ multimedia presentation is assembled and delivered automatically at periodic intervals.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
providing the user with the ability to negotiate among and between the segments.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1[[0]], wherein the step of searching the at least one video asset comprises searching the at least one video asset based on text corresponding to an audio portion associated with the at least one video asset.
12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the text is either closed-captioning text associated with the at least one video asset, speech-recognition text generated by speech recognition software operating on the audio portion, or a manually-generated transcription of the audio portion.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the step of calculating segments of the multimedia assets further comprises the step of calculating segments of the at least one video asset is based on the text.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the step of calculating segments of the at least one video asset is performed using multimodal story segmentation algorithms.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the customized ~~video~~ multimedia presentation is streamed to the user over a network.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the customized ~~video~~ multimedia presentation is downloaded to the user's local computer.
17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of interlacing advertisements in between at least some of the combined video segments in the customized ~~video~~ multimedia presentation.
18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the customized multimedia presentation is a customized video presentation is delivered to a television of the user via a set top box.
19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of searching is performed on a plurality of ~~video~~ multimedia assets of different sources.
20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one video asset is a video file, a live broadcast, a video stream or a video tape.

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